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# Chapter I
# Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

## B. Matters brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council

### Half-day discussion on South and Central America and the Caribbean

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends that Member States implement precautionary measures and recommendations provided by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Permanent Forum to prevent irreparable harm to indigenous peoples, their authorities and indigenous organizations.

2. The Permanent Forum recommends that Members States take measures to advance indigenous women's right to intercultural health through its inclusion in legal frameworks and public policies as well as programmes to guarantee culturally, geographically and financially appropriate health and social services.

3. The Permanent Forum recalls recommendations contained in paragraph 89 of the report on its eighth session (E/2009/43-E/C.19/2009/14) and in paragraph 35 of the report on its ninth session (E/2010/43-E/C.19/2010/15) regarding coca leaf chewing. Traditional coca leaf chewing is consistent with the right of indigenous peoples to maintain their traditional health and cultural practices, as recognized in articles 11, 24 and 31 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

4. The Permanent Forum reiterates the recommendation, contained in paragraph 17 of the report on its second session (E/2003/43-E/C.19/2003/22), related to the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. The Permanent Forum



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**invites the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in particular the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography to report on the situation of indigenous children to the Forum at its eleventh session.**

**5. The Permanent Forum welcomes the 2011 International Year for People of African Descent, mindful of racism and discrimination against Afrodescendants, and appreciates the work of OHCHR in the Americas, as well as the efforts undertaken by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.**

**6. The Permanent Forum has decided to appoint Saul Vicente Vásquez, a member of the Forum, to conduct a study on extractive industries in Mexico and the situation of indigenous peoples in the territories in which these industries are located.**

**7. The Permanent Forum supports an initiative to declare an International Year of Quinoa, recognizing the importance of quinoa to indigenous people and that it is a natural food with a high nutritional content.**

**8. The Permanent Forum notes the initiative of the United Nations country team in Nicaragua to establish a consultative committee comprising members of indigenous peoples, Afrodescendants and country team staff in order to promote and strengthen the realization of the rights and principles set out in international human rights instruments. The Permanent Forum urges other United Nations country teams to follow this example and establish similar consultative mechanisms.**